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To amend title 5, United States Code, to extend the authority under which comparability allowances may be paid to Government physicians, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 24, 1997

Mrs. MORELLA (for herself and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5948 of title 5, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (d)—

7 (A) by striking “1997” and inserting

8 “2000”; and

1 (B) by striking “1999” and inserting
2 “2002”; and
3 (2) in subsection (j)(2)(A) by striking “1997”
4 and inserting “2000”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 3 of the
6 Federal Physicians Comparability Allowance Act of 1978
7 (5 U.S.C. 5948 note) is amended by striking “1999” and
8 inserting “2002”.

9 **SEC. 2. MAXIMUM ALLOWANCE PAYABLE.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 5948(a)
11 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking
12 “\$20,000” and inserting “\$30,000”.

13 (b) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY EXISTING AGREE-
14 MENTS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any service agreement
16 under section 5948 of title 5, United States Code,
17 which is in effect on September 30, 1997, may, with
18 respect to any period of service remaining in such
19 agreement, be modified based on the amendment
20 made by subsection (a).

21 (2) LIMITATION.—A modification taking effect
22 under this subsection in any year shall not cause an
23 allowance to be increased to a rate which, if applied
24 throughout such year, would cause the limitation
25 under section 5948(a)(2) of such title (as amended

1 by this section), or any other applicable limitation,
2 to be exceeded.

3 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
4 shall be considered to authorize additional or supplemental
5 appropriations for the fiscal year in which occurs the date
6 of enactment of this Act.

7 **SEC. 3. PHYSICIANS COMPARABILITY ALLOWANCE TO BE**
8 **TREATED AS PART OF BASIC PAY FOR RE-**
9 **TIREMENT PURPOSES.**

10 (a) DEFINITION OF BASIC PAY.—Paragraph (3) of
11 section 8331 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

12 (1) in subparagraph (D) by striking “and”
13 after the semicolon;

14 (2) in subparagraph (E) by inserting “and”
15 after the semicolon;

16 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(F) with respect to a Government physi-
19 cian (within the meaning of section 5948), an
20 allowance paid under such section;”; and

21 (4) in the matter following subparagraph (F)
22 (as added by paragraph (3)) by striking “and (E)”
23 and inserting “(E), and (F)”.

1 (b) REPEAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 5948(h) of
2 title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “chap-
3 ter 81, 83, or 87” and inserting “chapter 81 or 87”.

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